

REMARKS

The courtesy and helpfulness of the Examiner during the telephone interview with the undersigned attorney held on August 9, 2005 is very much appreciated. In particular, the consideration of the references listed on the Notice of References Cited the identification of which were provided to the Examiner during the interview is appreciated. The one reference identified for consideration during the interview that does not appear on the Notice of References Cited is Snowden et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,417,424. This reference is also discussed on page 2 of the application in the Background of the Invention.

Regarding related applications, the acknowledgment in paragraph 2 of the Office Action is incorrect. This application is a continuation in part of application U.S. Serial No. 10/278,892, filed October 24, 2002 and is not related to remaining applications listed in the acknowledgment. The specification has been amended to indicate the patent number of the related application. For the record, the additional applications appear in the official filing receipt but were not claimed as priority either in the application or its letter of transmittal.

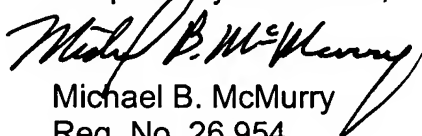
With respect to the restriction requirement, affirmation is hereby made to the election referred to in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claims 26-33 have been withdrawn.

Claims 24 and 34 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-25 and 34-41, a Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent No. 6,736,324 accompanies this paper.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the amendment to the specification as well as the amendments to Claims 24 and 24 be entered and that this application issue to Letters Patent with Claims 1-25 and 34-41 forming a part thereof.

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